



## 884 LETTER E'S.

### This was Found to be the Premium Number.

Yesterday's issue, August 1, was the one on which \$10 in gold was offered for the nearest guess to the number of times the letter e would appear on page one. As the guesses were pretty thick along in the choice territory a great deal of care had to be exercised, and after almost continuous counting up to this noon, 884 was found to be the premium number. The box was opened by Mayor Sheehan and Lewis Martin and the guesses listed, from which it was found that 887 came nearest (three above) and it was made by Miss Louise Graper, music teacher at the academy. The next nearest was 888, and the next 878, six below. The \$10 was presented Miss Graper this noon, though of course if anyone shall be able to show that an error has been committed the office will hold itself responsible. It was for that reason the office took an interest in the count and satisfied itself before awarding the premium.

The object in offering the premium was simply to increase interest in The Daily and encourage prompt payments. The purpose has been subserved, the office is satisfied, and we trust everyone else is.

### RECOMMENDS AN INVESTIGATION.

Not as Bad as the Cherokees but Choctaw Warrants Need Inspection.

Washington, D. C., July 31.—Special Agent Zevely of the Interior Department has just returned from Indian Territory where he has been making a thorough investigation of the warrants issued by the various tribes, and the friction which has arisen in the Choctaw Nation over the exportation of hay from the nation without the payments of the tax imposed by the tribe. Mr. Zevely reports an extremely bad condition in connection with the tribal warrants, particularly those issued by the Cherokees. The last session of Congress appropriated \$75,000 for the payment of outstanding Cherokee warrants. According to the law those are liquidated according to date of priority. Mr. Zevely reports that when he visited the office at Tablequah he found several thousand dollars worth of warrants which had been redeemed laying loose upon the floor which had not been cancelled. Some of them had written on an obscure corner in a small hand the word "Paid," but the large majority of them had no mark whatever indicating their collection. Mr. Zevely believes that many of the warrants which have been paid off are again in the hands of the outside parties, and has recommended the suspension of further payments, either by the Department or by Congress until a full and complete investigation can be made.

The Forepaugh-Sells shows will have no feature that will be more entertaining than the present 'bout the interior department is having with the Muskogee bar association. Where is the voice of the invincible and eloquent Tom Marcum.

It seems that the "Blackstonian talent," as the Chieftain calls it, of the Muskogee bar was not sufficient to persuade Judge Thomas to grant an injunction restraining Indian Agent Shoenfelt from collecting the Creek occupation tax. The tax may be rather steep, but the government in this, as in numerous other instances, has shown that it will not go beyond laws of the different tribes in the collection of royalties and taxes. And there be those who say that congress cannot change these laws unless by consent of the tribes, that it is a source of revenue that can no more be alienated than can the royalty on coal or timber. Even should the people of the towns be exempt from the tax on goods, wares and merchandise after the townsites have been sold and have become the property of the white man, it is held that the professions will continue to be taxed. The Muskogee bar gave notice of appeal but in the upper court the case will meet with the same fate, for Judge Springer and Judge Clayton are both known to have the same opinion on this question as given by Judge Thomas.—South McAlester Capital.

It is told of some of the full blood Indians, who still refuse to be reconciled to allotment and the change that is being worked in the land that has so long given them shelter, that they state they will not accept allotment under any consideration. On being asked what they will do they say they will go further west. They have turned their faces toward the setting sun so many times in the past to make a new home further west that they do not realize that now there is no longer any west for them; that civilization surrounds them and that the only setting sun they can face looking to a new land is that last setting which marks the end of life. It is a pathetic situation, but a few score more of years will see the last of the race vanish from the face of the earth.—Denison Herald.

Too-qua-stee is fighting "Things as They Are" and like Brann he is having a stiff time of it, with chances of losing. Without a doubt Too-qua-stee stands at the head of newspaper contributors in the territory and as a sound reasoner he has no superior. He is today the best posted man in the territory on Indian affairs, and he is honest, and to be honest is to be one man picked from ten thousand.—Capital.

### Hard Lines.

Sprogles—I used to think my face was my fortune, but I've got over that idea.

Bingle—What has changed your mind?

Sprogles—I was on one of those juries when the bribing was done but the fellows with money did not approach me, because, as I have just learned, they thought I had too honest a face.

### Looked His Part.

"Say, that was a mighty honest looking old farmer," said the office loafer, as the client went out. "Just the kind of a good, whole-souled face to invite confidence."

"Just what he has been doing," the lawyer explained. "He is in to see about a little gold brick transaction he was drawn into."

## When You Sell YOUR Goods

As we are doing, it's simply a business proposition. It is not the profit we are after now--profits are entirely lost sight of. We are making preparations for the largest Fall Stock of Merchandise we ever opened up in Vinita, and it is absolutely necessary for us to get rid of all summer goods. We need the money to put into fall goods and we need the room the summer goods occupy for our large fall purchases, which will soon begin to arrive. Therefore, beginning

Wednesday, Aug. 2d, and Closing Saturday, Aug. 5th,

We will offer some of the rarest bargains you ever saw. Every Department in our store will have special inducements for this sale. But we believe the greatest values will be found in our Clothing Department. We are offering some values you have never seen before in first-class Clothing. Clothing for men and boys, that is made well, fits well, and wears well. If you visit our store this week you are sure to save money on every purchase you make.

## W. R. Badgett Mer. Co.

### Sold His Pension.

The Duke of Norfolk has just commuted a pension which has a curious history. It goes as far back as Flodden Field, where his ancestor, the Earl of Surrey, commanded, and was awarded a perpetual pension of \$200 a year for his victorious soldiery. The money has been paid annually, century in and century out, ever since, and now the duke has let the country off for \$4000 down.

### Carry the Infant Upstairs.

In Germany it is considered necessary that a child should be "up" before it goes down in the world, so it is carried up stairs as soon as it is born. In case there is no up stairs, the nurse mounts a table or chair with the infant. A similar superstition prevails among old fashioned folk in Ireland and Scotland.

Aluminum can be rolled into sheets four-thousandths of an inch thick and in that shape, it is said, will answer excellently for bookmaking instead of paper.

Intercourse with Christians had given the savage a taste not only for rum, but for dialect subtleties as well.

"I spare your life," he said to the captive.

"Thank you," the captive replied, not forgetting his manners.

"So you owe me your life, don't you?" asked the savage.

"Oh yes," said the captive.

"Well, then, if I take your life, I won't be stealing, will I," exclaimed the savage.

It was clear this benighted person took a truly civilized delight in buncoing his ethical sensibilities for the benefit of his propensities.—Detroit Journal.

## Reduction Sale

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## Ladies Muslin Underwear.

### GOWNS.

Regular price	\$1.50,	Reduction price	\$1.15
"	" 1.00,	"	80c
"	" 85c,	"	60c
"	" 75c,	"	55c
"	" 60c,	"	45c
"	" 50c,	"	40c

### UNDERSKIRTS.

Regular price	60c,	Reduction price	45c
"	" 75c,	"	60c

### CORSET COVERS.

Regular price	50c,	Reduced price	40c
"	" 30c,	"	25c

Don't Miss Seeing This Line.

## John C. Gray.

PHONE 19.